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For this section colder tonight and Sunday

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MUSIC FOR TOMORROW

Special Programs to be Rendered by the Choirs in Some of Alexandria's Houses of Worship.

Christmas sermons and Christmas music will be the rule in many of the churches in the city tomorrow, although a number will have no special programs. These churches in which special music will be rendered, programs for which have been sent to the Gazette for publication, are as here given:

First Baptist Church.

The program of music at the morning services at 11 o'clock at the First Baptist church will be as follows:

Organ Prelude. "Cradle Song" Gottschalk.
Anthem. "The New Born King," Ashford.
Doxology.
Hyman 105. "Joy to The World," Handel.
Response. "Break Thou The Bread of Life," Sherwin.
Offertory Anthem. "Hark, The Notes of Joy," Adams.
Hymn 108. "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," Mendelssonn.
Hymn 116. "The Saviour! O, What Endless Charms," Kingsley.
Postlude in D, Merkel.

At the evening service the musical program will be as follows:

Organ Prelude. "Shepherds' Song and Pilgrims' Chorus," Wagner.
Anthem. "Behold! Thy Salvation Cometh," Wilson.
Doxology.
Hymn 104, "As With Gladness Men of Old," Kocher.
Response. "Break Thou The Bread of Life," Sherwin.
Offertory Anthem. "The Shepherds of Bethlehem," Lorens.
Hymn 109. "Hark! What Means Those Holy Voices," Cawood.
Hymn 101. "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name," Holden.
Postlude in E flat. Gounod.

Those comprising the choir will be:

Sopranos—Mesdames W. J. Bowie, Edna C. Davis, T. L. Finks, S. W. Pitts, P. C. Rush, and the Misses Lillian M. Amos, Kate T. Leef, Sadie M. Pitts, Josephine K. Williams, Mabel S. Wood, Addie B. Owen.

Altos—Mesdames Nettie C. Elsom, E. W. Nalls, Wm. H. Thomas.

Tenors—Messrs. Jas. L. Foster, W. J. Langley, G. E. Sullivan.

Bassos—Messrs. W. R. Gorham, Stewart M. Jones, W. B. Kerrick, Melvin P. Pitts, J. T. Preston, Floyd G. Saunders.

Organist—Miss. Edna D. Barnett.
Violinist—Mr. Geo T. Nicholson.
Director—Mr. J. T. Preston.

Methodist Episcopal Church South.

The choir of the Methodist Episcopal Church South will render the following program at the morning service at 11 o'clock tomorrow, under the direction of Mrs. T. A. Hulfish. Mrs. George A. Warfield will preside at the organ:

Prelude, Pastoral, Faulkes.
Anthem, "Sing, O Sing," Adolph Frey. Choir.
Offertory, "Little Town of Bethlehem," Schnecker. Mrs. T. A. Hulfish.
Anthem, "The Hush of Night," W. R. Spence. Choir.
Postlude, "March Triumphant," Wachs.

Special music will also be rendered at the evening service.

Will Stick to His Present Job.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Fearing that the rigors of warfare would be too much for her delicate son, a woman living at Fresno, California, has written to United States Marine Corps headquarters here, asking that the young man be discharged.

"He is too weak and delicate to be in the service," she wrote. "He is a blacksmith's helper by trade, and I would prefer him to stay at his last job."

The mother was informed that, for the time being, her son must remain a Marine.

WANTED—An assistant bookkeeper. Young lady preferred. State experience, if any. Address in your own handwriting, Box 67 Gazette-office. 297-6t.

MANY CHRISTMAS TREES

Small Offerings of Produce, However, on the Saturday Before Christmas, and Prices Firm.

While many small cedar trees were stacked in the market court this morning, but few countrymen were in evidence, and the display of produce was limited. Butter was selling at 60 cents a pound and eggs at 70 and 75 cents per dozen. Poultry was way out of sight, being firm with an advancing tendency. Turkeys sold at 45 cents per pound and chickens at 33.

The Saturday before Christmas is generally the greatest market day of the year. It was not so this morning, but seemed to lack the animation of the normal market.

Dressed turkeys have been scarce and high for some time. They have long passed from the reach of the many who generally managed to secure one for Christmas. Rabbits and opossums were in market, as were also coons, but we failed to find any muskrats which are gradually becoming features of modern menus.

Opossums are regarded as choice Virginia edibles when perpared in the good Old Dominion style, but they are by no means plentiful, and should they become inviting prices would soon soar beyond those now demanded for turkeys.

The market is generally kept open all day on Christmas Eve, and the offerings next Monday will probably show an increase over those of today.

BONES REVEAL MURDER.

Found by Hunters on Mountain Near Cumberland.

Cumberland, Md., Dec. 22.—County Coroner Joseph B. Finan today investigated the finding of human bones on Dans Mountain, above Midland, and has reached the conclusion they are the bones of a woman who was murdered many years ago.

No trace of clothing remained and the smaller bones had decayed. A small bracelet and a wire hair rat found near where the skull and arm bones were indicated the remains were those of a woman. That the person was murdered, there can be no doubt. According to Coroner Finan the body had been placed in a depression beside a high rock and had evidently been covered with leaves and brush, on top of which stones had been placed. Several stones covered some of the bones. The skeleton was discovered by James Emerick and Noah Loar, hunters, who chased a rabbit which ran into a heap of brush that covered the improvised grave. The authorities have no clew to the mystery.

MAYOR MITCHELL IS SUED.

Damages Aggregating $400,000 Demanded in Libel Action by William Bullock.

New York, Dec. 22.—Damages aggregating $400,000 were demanded of Mayor John P. Mitchell in a suit for libel filed against him yesterday by William Bullock, director of the bureau of city inquiry, an organization whose avowed purpose is to watch over the expenditure of public money and the conduct of municipal affairs. The alleged libelous statements, which the complaint says were forty in number, and on each of which $10,000 is asked, were printed in newspapers during the recent mayoralty campaign as answers by Mayor Mitchell to statements made by Bullock in criticism of the policies of the municipal administration.

"Camille."

Wm. Fox's super de luxe picture, "Camille," featuring the great emotional actress, Theda Bara, will be the attraction at the Richmond tonight.

At the Surprise Ann Murdock will be seen in "The Beautiful Adventure."

As is the custom every year a free matinee will be given to the children at the Surprise on Wednesday afternoon, December 26. The picture to be shown will be "Young Mother Hubbard," featuring Little Mary McAllster. There will be an entire change of pictures at night's performance.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

The city market will be open all day Monday during the usual hours and up to ten o'clock at night, but will be closed all day Tuesday—Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. William Albert Smoot, and Master Albert Ansley Smoot, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. James H. Corbitt, Suffolk, Virginia.

Large numbers of cedar, hemlock and pine trees for Christmas, also plenty of holly, was brought into the city today so that there should be plenty for all the homes in Alexandria where it will be wanted.

There will be preaching services at the Free Methodist Church tomorrow at eleven o'clock in the morning and 7:30 at night. Rev. W. H. Van Ness will preach at the morning service.

Mrs. Louis N. Duffey and little son, have returned from Anniston, Alabama, where they went to join Lieut. Duffey, who is with the 116th Infantry Regiment at Camp McClellan.

"The Steadfastness of Christian Faith," will form the topic of the morning sermon of Rev. Raymond W. White at the Methodist Protestant church tomorrow. His subject in the evening will be "Need of Reapers."

A high mass will be sung on Christmas morning at five o'clock in St. Joseph's Catholic church by the pastor, Rev. Joseph J. Kelly, who will also preach the sermon, the subject of which will be "The Desired of all Nations Shall Come." The music will be under the direction of Prof. Richard Brooks. The musical program will include: Processional, "Angels we have Heard on High." Gounod's Convent Mass in C. Offertory, "Adeste Fideles." Recessional, "Holy Night."

Judge Norton, chairman of the local committee for the Young Men's Christian Association War work fund report these subscriptions today: A. M. Remschell, $5, and J. Bernheimer, $1.

Mrs. O. Fronnett, residing at 200 North Patrick street, was knocked down by an automobile at Pennsylvania avenue and Twelfth street, Washington, yesterday. Mrs. Fronnett was not seriously injured.

Miss Mary E. Carlin, of Duke street, will spend the Christmas holiday season at Ellicott City, Md., where she will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. William F. Fulton. She will be accompanied by her niece, Miss Nina Fulton.

"How the World Learned of God's Presence Among Men," will be the topic of the sermon at the First Baptist church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock by the Rev. Dr. E. B. Jackson. In the evening he will speak on "The First Christmas—A Phophecy Fulfilled in Jesus Christ."

No effort will be spared by the Elks, the Salvation Army and workers in the various churches to make Christmas as cheerful as possible for the deserving poor of the city. Baskets of provisions and other good things will be distributed on Christmas eve and Christmas morning and none will be overlooked so far as they can be provided for.

Advices from Camp McClellan, Anniston, Alabama, where many of the boys from this city went are to the effect that considerable sickness prevails among the soldiers there in the way of throat trouble, measles and various other ailments due to the climate of that locality. If reports are correct, all the men would welcome orders which would send them "over there," somewhere in France." It is stated that quite a large number of the boys are without overcoats.

Miss Maybelle Church, of Falls Church, Va., is the guest of Miss Geraldine Davis, at her home in Prince street.

The funeral of the late John Harlow was held at St. Mary's Catholic church this morning at 9:30, the Rev. L. F. Kelly officiating. The pallbearers were: Messrs. Leo. P. Harlow, John D. Normoyle, T. J. Fannon, E. J. Dwyer, M. T. Dwyer, all of this city, and James F. Shea, of Washington. The Rev. Louis Smet assisted Rev. L. F. Kelly in the services at the cemetery.

The public and private schools closed yesterday afternoon for the Christmas holidays. On account of the coal shortage the public schools will not reopen until Monday, January 7, instead of January 2, as was originally planned. The teachers in a number of the schools were the recipients of handsome presents. St. Mary's Academy will not reopen until Thursday, January 3.

Rev. Dr. John Lee Allison will take for the subject of his sermon at the Second Presbyterian church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock "The Unspeakable Gift." In the evening the topic of his discourse will be "Jesus, the Fulfillment of Prophecy and World's Hopes." Sabbath school at that church will be held at 9:30, Bible Class at 10 a. m., and Christian Endeavor Society meeting at 7:15 p. m. Christmas music will be rendered at both the morning and evening preaching services.

If the reports in circulation prove to be true Alexandrians will have the pleasure of seeing work started on Monday next on the new shipyard industry which it is hoped will bring a new prosperity to the city. Engineers will begin making the necessary surveys on that day of the ground upon which the shipyard buildings will be erected, according to the program outlined, it is said, and as soon as that part of the work has been accomplished the buildings will soon be going up.

NEW PEACE PROPOSALS.

Germany Would End Hostilities on The Status Quo—Ludendorff is Pessimistic.

Paris, Dec. 22.—Germany's newest peace proposals, now being drafted, contemplate peace on the basis of the status quo, according to special dispatches printed in today's Matin.

According to the Matin's information, Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann will offer the evacuation of Belgium, "with guarantees"— meaning, presumably, indemnities; will announce retirement from France and Italy in exchange for return of Germany's colonies, and guarantee of the freedom of commerce.

The question of Turkey, it was stated, is to be left in the background in the hope of interesting England in some trade.

Bulgaria, it was stated, is insisting on acquisition of Dobrudja, southern Macedonia, and that part of Serbia extending as far south as Moravia. She is also asking that Roumania be put under subjection to German economical domination.

Russia and Alsace-Lorraine may be ignored in the forthcoming peace suggestions or possibly concessions as to these two factors in peace completely refused.

The Hague, Dec. 22.— Quartermaster General van Ludendorff, chief of staff of Von Hindenburg and generally recognized as the brains of the German military system, believes peace is far distant.

This belief of Ludendorff was shown today by information reaching here that the officer had warned correspondents on the western front not to write very much regarding peace prospects.

It is hard to reconcile Ludendorff's warning with statements by German officers to troops in Flanders that the war would end within the next few months.

New Book Just Out.

"Clouds," a new book written by Francis Lee Daingerfield, has just been published and is on sale at the store of R. E. Knight and Son. 305-1t.

A Pipe Dream.

The Gazette takes pleasure in publishing the poem which will be found herewith, written by one of our Alexandria boys, Master C. C. Carlin, Jr., son of Representative and Mrs. Charles C. Carlin, of this city, which appeared in the current number of "The Monthly Chronicle," the Episcopal High School journal, entitled "A Pipe Dream."

Oh, often in my pipe dreams
Beneath the moon's pale ray,
I seem to see familiar streams
And dear ones far away.

I watch the little ringlets curl
And drift upon the air,
I see the image of a girl,
A vision sweet and fair.

Amid the smoke there comes a face
With eyes so wonderous brown,
And ne'er can I forget the place—
My little sweetheart's town.

It was in this little college town
Where I my dream girl met,
With the lovely hair and eyes of brown
And the face I can ne'er forget.

ESCAPE FROM JAIL.

Two Brothers Get Out of Rockingham County Prison.

Harrisonburg, Va., Dec. 22.—Paul and Dave Neff, members of the Neff band of desperadoes, escaped from the Shenandoah County jail Thursday evening through a hole twelve inches square, which they filed through the bars of their iron cage. They have not been recaptured, although they were pursued by the sheriff in company with companions in an automobile almost immediately after their escape. The Neffs were in jail for alleged participation in the fight with a sheriff's posse at Helltown last summer.

BATTLE IN RUSSIAN CAPITAL.

Soldiers Refuse to Obey Orders to Leave Petrograd.

Stockholm, Dec. 22.—A great battle in the streets of Petrograd was reported from the Russian capital today.

Four army corps refused orders of the Bolsheviki government to leave the city.

The Bolsheviki sent other troops against them.

The fighting was still in progress as the dispatch was sent from Petrograd.

THREE NEGROES ROBBED.

Highwayman, Armed With Automatic Pistol, Takes Twenty-five Dollars From the Trio.

Shortly after six o'clock this morning while Charles Martin, Benjamin Robertson and David Watson, all colored, were passing through what is known as Catt's Lane, about a square west of the Stone Bridge, they were accosted by a strange negro who, after pointing an automatic pistol in their faces, made them deliver their money. The highwayman took twenty-five dollars from the trio.

When the police learned of the holdup, Officers Walker, William Campbell and Thompson went in search of the footpad and later arrested John Allen, a negro who is said to have been loitering about Duke street extended for some time. They found an automatic pistol upon him.

The men he was suspected of robbing have been working at the round house of the Southern Railway, and were on their way to Washington when accosted by the highwayman. Two of the party were brought into the Police Court this morning, when they positively identified Allen as their assailant, Chief Goods exhibited seevral pistols and asked the men which weapon was used by Allen. They pointed to the automatic pistol. Allen had six dollars and one cent upon him when arrested.

It was determined to continue the case for ten days in order to secure the third witness who was absent. The men who were robbed will be detained should they not be able to give bond for their appearance before the Corporation Court when the case shall have been called.

New Regulations.

Judge C. E. Nicol of Alexandria is today in receipt of the following telegram which the Gazette has been asked to publish:

Richmond, Va., Dec. 21, 1917.
Judge C. E. Nicol, Alexandria, Va.,

New regulations covering bran and other mill feeds, issued effective December twenty-fifth, will be a material reduction in price to consumers. Full information will be sent later. Give this wide publicity.

(Signed) White.

LETTER FROM FRANCE

Sergeant Rinke, Formerly Stationed at Fort Hunt, Sends Regards to Alexandria Friends.

Mr. George W. Bontz, of this city, has received letters from Sergeant Rinke, who was formerly stationed at Fort Hunt, near this city, and who is well known here by many, written from "somewhere in France." The Gazette is permitted to publish parts of them, which appear herewith:

Dear George:

Received your letter yesterday but put off writing to you until today as we have not got much time to ourselves. We are hard at work and drill every day, and when I get back from our big gun drill, I don't feel much like writing, believe me, as we are kept busy eight hours a day, and you know what it is to drill that long on these "big boys." We have had a lot of mud and rain over here. Your (Va.) roads, after a hard rain, are not in it with this place.

There are just as many aeroplanes in the air here, as there are Fords on the roads, and there are all kinds of Fords here too. Did you hear about us boys over here buying over $1,000,000 worth of Liberty Bonds? Yes sir, we sure did get them. My battery alone got over $20,000 worth. Every man in the battery has from four to eight bonds. Every battery had an average of 100 per cent. Guess that will help show the Kaiser that we are with Uncle Sam, and are ready to back him up, not only as soldiers, but with our money, as well. We are all waiting now for the day when we will show him what we have in the line of fighters. If you could see the way the boys take to this drill, you would see they are in it heart and soul, and after the day's drill is over, we all have a good time, free moving pictures every night, and this place is wet. Can get light wine and beer, and believe me we have a good time with the French soldiers. They sure are good fellows. You should see the fun, when one of us boys try to make one of the French understand what we are talking about. But you can bet we will all speak French before we come back. There is not a thing over here that is too good for the French to give us, and they sure are helping us in any way that they can.

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I sent you a letter yesterday, but forget to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and as this will be the last letter you receive before that time I am wishing they will be the best you ever had, as I know we will have a big Christmas over here. We have plenty of good music, thanks to the Y. M. C. A., which looks after all our comforts, and they sure are on the job, besides giving us books, papers and free writing materials, etc. They have three big huts over here in our camp with everything we need. The only thing missing is a place to dance, but the French are not dancing during the war. Two New York papers print Paris editions which we get and they keep us posted as to what is going on in the United States. Give my best Christmas wishes to all in Alexandria ,and also a Happy New Year's wish. All the boys over here will get their usual big Christmas dinner.

Your friend Rinke.

New York, Dec. 22.—A violent earth tremor, lasting nearly one hour, was recorded on the seismograph at Fordham University here yesterday. The disturbance occurred at an estimated distance of 3,400 miles from New York. It began at 1:20 p. m. and ended at 2:15 p. m.

A less violent shock continuing eight minutes was recorded at 12 o'clock.

Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Atlantic Building Company will be held on the 18th day of January, 1918, at 11 o'clock, a. m., at the principal office of the company, in the State of Virginia, 119 south Fairfax street, Alexandria, Virginia, for the purpose of electing officers and a board of directors and receiving and acting upon the reports of the officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Dated the 22d, day of December, 1917.

Louis Beyer, Jr., Secretary.
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CHRISTMAS IN THE CAMPS

Thousands of Packages Addressed to "Some Soldiers, Somewhere in France," Sent to Cheer the Boys.

Thousands of packages addressed merely to "Some Soldier, Somewhere in France," left the Atlantic ports on the early November boat. The movements of the troops over there make it unlikely that some of the personally-addressed presents will get to the men by Christmas Day, but as far as possible the Y. M. C. A. will see that none of them are without a gift. The soldiers and sailors who are still in the United States will be equally well looked after by the holiday spirits. Not more than approximately one-third of them will be allowed to leave camp on December 25, but those who can't go to Christmas will have Christmas brought to them, by the Y. M. C. A.

The people of Maryland will act as St. Nick for the Maryland men at Camp Meade, Md., and Camp McClellan, Ala. They have raised a fund which makes it possible to spend about a dollar and a half for the Christmas present of every Maryland man in uniform.

Soldiers Quarantined With Measles.

Two thousand soldiers at Camp Meade would be real Christmas outcasts if it were not for the holiday kindness of their comrades. There will be no trees for them, no celebration in the Y. M. C. A. buildings, or visits from the home-folks, for they are the victims of something as old as Christmas itself,—they have all been quarantined with the measles. They will not lose the holiday, entirely, however, for a choir organized under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. will march through camp singing Christmas carols, pausing in front of the barracks where these men are isolated to cheer them with all the Christmas hymns in their repertoire.

In Camp Jackson, South Carolina, each soldier who comes to the celebration will bring with him a gift for some other soldier, not to exceed ten cents in value, which will be collected at the door, and redistributed afterwards. Home folks, the real home-folks who make December 25 Christmas, can't be there, of course, but the Y. M. C. A. has done its best to fill the gap left by their absence, by getting the home-folks who live around the camp to make candy and cake for the Christmas party.

Community Christmas Tree at Camp Dix.

Camp Dix, New Jersey, will have a community Christmas tree of its own, with a tree in the Y. M. C. A. building, and a Christmas box for every man. Camp Grant, in Illinois, will wake on Christmas morning to the singing carols, for which glee clubs have already been organized in the camp. In Atlanta, Georgia, each church will "mother" one unit of Camp Gordon, and will look out for its Christmas presents at the Y. M. C. A. tree. A Christmas pageant will also be put on for the soldiers, with more than 300 men and women in the cast. And in all the other camps throughout the United States it will be the same.

THOUSANDS JOIN RED CROSS.

Southern Division Reports 125,000 New Members With Quota of 400,000 Probable of Attainment.

Atlanta, Dec. 22.—Approximately 125,000 new members of the Red Cross have been secured in the Christmas membership drive in the Southern division, according to an announcement at division headquarters here. This estimate was based upon reports received by Red Cross officials last night and early today.

It was pointed out by W. J. Milner, Jr., executive secretary of the division's campaign committee, that less than 150 chapters out of 500 have sent in complete reports since the campaign began last Monday.

Although field work was believed to have been greatly hampered by the cold weather, Red Cross workers here were confident the division's quota of 400,000 would be attained by Christmas Eve. The States in the division are Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina.

Norfolk Oysters, Hampton Bars and Potomac River oysters. J. Brill No. 2 King street.

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VIRGINIA AND WASHINGTON FIRST.

While the office of Adjutant-General W. W. Sale has not made a great deal of noise since the outbreak of the war, it has done splendidly efficient work, as is evidenced by the news that has just reached Richmond that the states of Virginia and Washington are as yet the only states in the Union which have entirely completed their draft under the government's first call for men.

There has been a tremendous amount of detail work in handling the draft work and the thousands of questions which have arisen thereunder and now there is a steady stream of literature passing through the office in connection with the questionnaires now going out.

Lieutenant-Colonel Jo Lane Stern, who is something of a mathematician as well as soldier, says that the total number of pieces of literature handled in connection with the questionnaires is 3,321,000, not more than 3,000 pieces of this literature being sent out in any one bundle.

THE OSTENSORIUM IN BERLIN.

Before the Turks surrendered Jerusalem they followed the example of their German masters and plundered the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, endearing themselves to the Germans by sending the famous ostensorium set with brilliants to Berlin. In marked contrast with this profanation of a Christian church and a German general's establishment of his headquarters in a mosque in Aleppo was the action of General Allenby, who entered the Holy City on foot, instead of with an imposing cavalcade, as William II did 19 years ago, and who placed a guard of Moslems around the Mosque of Omar, under a Moslem officer without whose permit no one was allowed to enter the precincts of the place of Moslem worship.

But the ostensorium has gone to the place where it belongs—till this war ends and the world's greatest robber is compelled to disgorge.

As a contemporary says, Berlin is the natural destination of all loot. Our own General Chaffee protested in 1900 against the stealing of the sacred instruments from the Pekin observatory, and Count von Waldersee, commander-in-chief of the allied forces, was so indignant that he sent the protest back to him. Of course, loot was proper in a German war. What else do Germans fight for?

No sooner had the German armies got into Belgium than they began to ship the household furniture, books and works of art back to Germany. Trains that carried supplies to the army carried plunder back to the Fatherland.

The ostensorium stolen from the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem is an appropriate present from the Moslem to the pagan, and an eminently suitable ornament for the city of Berlin or the imperial premises at Potsdam.

THE TRAIL OF THE SERPENT.

As the Washington Herald says, it is a reptile proposal that Germany puts forward this Christmas. Again she seeks peace by cunning, proffering an olive branch with a snake concealed in the leaves. The same old trick. The new "feeler" is an amazingly frank revelation of the German purpose. The German eye is now turned towards the East. The Kaiser and his ring would fatten off hapless Russia. His covetous gaze has fallen on her Baltic and Black Sea provinces, and to get them he is even willing to forego the Bagdad corridor for a while.

The bait for the entente nations is rather crude. A plebiscite for Alsace-Lorraine—that is, a vote of the inhabitants to decide whether they wish to live under the French or German flag—is not likely to deceive anybody. The balloting would be done under German "supervision." Comment is unnecessary.

MESSAGE OF THE BELLS.

Across the snow the Christmas bells
Once rang with gladsome mirth,
Their message old, "Good-will to men,"
Proclaiming "Peace on earth";
As in the sky the Eastern Star
Of Bethlehem shed its light—
Where lo, the Christ Child meekly lay
That holy Christmas night!

The Star still shines this Christmas-tide,
But o'er the earth below,
There is a crimson stain which mars
The whiteness of the snow;
For warring nations, far and near,
Their banners have unfurled,
And dying soldiers' lifeblood flows
Throughout the weary world.

O, let the music of the bells
Ring out upon the air,
Across the distant battle-fields
Glad tidings of good cheer!
And may the Christ-Child in our hearts
Bring holy thoughts of peace,
Of that fair dawning of a day
When wars and strife shall cease.
—Erroll Hay Colcock in Southern Churchman.

A TIMELY LESSON.

The international Sunday school lesson for tomorrow is from the book of Malachi, the last book of the Old Testament. It seems to be appropriate at this timt, when such sudden transitions are taking place in this world. The selection is from the third chapter part of which is as follows:

1. Behold. I will send my messenger and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.

2. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' sope:

3. And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

The figure of speech used in this place is one of the most searching in the sacred writing. A refiner and purifier of silver sits until all the dross is purged from the metal and it becomes a reflector, when the purifier can see his face in the molten mass. The Creator is watching until He can see his face in us.

Jews returning to Jerusalem to make of themselves a nation, is a dramatic announcement in these stirring times. A wandering people for centuries, enduring persecutions, exile and universal misjudgment, going back to their historic birthplace are realizing the prophecies of their wise men that must have become mere figures of speech to all but the most faithful zealots.

A mass meeting to celebrate the capture of Jerusalem by the allies will be held at the Belasco Theater in Washington at 10 o'clock on Christmas morning.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt and Miss Jeannette Rankin, representative from Montana, have been invited to address the meeting, and at the special request of Cardinal Gibbons, Monsignor Charles F. Thomas, rector of St. Patrick's Church, Washington, will deliver the opening prayer.

Boxes will be reserved for the diplomats of the allied nations, the orchestra circle has been set apart for the judges of the United States Supreme Court, other judges of the district, senators and members of Congress with their friends. The balance of the theater will be opened to the public.

NO PEACE BELLS YET.

Advices from the capitals of nations now at war, says no peace bells will ring in rationed Europe this Christmas, but last week brought a marked change for a better atmosphere. On Thursday the British premier closed a troublesome session of Parliament with a speech of confidence. His review of the situation, military, economically and politically left his hearers feeling the future was far from cheerless.

Germany is expected to make a new peace move between now and the end of the year, and people will have an opportunity to study it.

When the outlook is studied in a broad way it is perfectly clear that Europe is becoming saner, that the passions of war are slowly burning themselves out, that the people and governments are giving more attention to ways and means of ending the struggle than to its prolongation. America has supplied the uplift to the war. The President's declaration of policy has had far-reaching effects.

CHRISTMAS CROWDED OUT.

(Christian Observer)

The world is so gay with its pleasures, and so absorbed today in itself, in its associations and bringing and receiving gifts of wordly friends that only too many, we fear, are crowding Christ from their hearts. Commercialism has come in; and Christ has been crowded out. Our churches ever plan entertainments and introduce new features which thrill and excite; but they crowd out the old story. They lose the golden opportunity. They make a great holiday season in which the real Christmas is crowded out. The holy days are so robbed of their real significance that they become but a mockery in their gay holiday attractions and interests. Selfish pleasure fills so large a share of our time that the Gift from God is crowded out of our minds. The old story should thrill our hearts and the old songs should burst from our lips. If we crowd out the real Christmas spirit from our giving and our living during these festive days, we may crowd out the Christ Himself from our lives.

RUSSIAN-JAPANESE TREATY?

Alleged Secret Pact Would Close Door of China to U. S.

Petrograd, Dec. 22.—The Itzvestia publishes what it says is the text of the secret treaty drawn up last year, providing for joint action by Russia and Japan to prevent any third country from achieving political dominance in China.

The article is headed "Secret treaty between Japan and Russia for joint armed demonstration against America and Great Britain in the Far East."

The treaty, dated July 3, 1916, runs for five years, automatically extending itself until a year after one party expresses the desire to annual it. It was signed by Sergius Sazonoff, Russian Foreign Minister, and Viscount Montono, Japanese Foreign Minister.

The treaty stipulates that "the agreement shall remain a deep secret for all except the contracting parties." It opens with the statement that it is designed to supplement and strengthen the secret treaties of 1910 and 1892. Article I is given as follows:

"The contracting parties recognize that the interests of either side demand the defense of China from political domination by any third power whatsoever, cherishing hostile intentions toward Russia and Japan and therefore undertake whenever circumstances necessitate to enter into open relations based on full confidence in order conjointly to take the necessary steps to prevent the advent in China of such a state of affairs."

FALL OF JERUSALEM.

Mass Meeting Will be Held in Belasco Theater, Washington.

Taking of Jerusalem from the Turks by the British army will be celebrated at a mass meeting Christmas morning at 10 o'clock in the Belasco Theater, Washington, to which members of all religious beliefs have been invited.

Rt. Rev. C. F. Thomas, rector of St. Patrick's Catholic church, at the special request of Cardinal Gibbons in Baltimore, will deliver the opening prayer as the cardinal's representative.

Rabbi Abram Simon, Col. Roosevelt and Miss Jeanette Rankin, Representative in Congress from Montana, have been invited to address the gathering. Boxes have been reserved for the Diplomatic Corps. Members of the Supreme Court and other judges, Senators and members of Congress will be present.

Arthur E. Randle is chairman of the committee in charge of the meeting. The meeting will be open to the public.

JAPAN AGGRESSIVE.

Is Eager to Strike Germany by Occupying Siberia.

Japan is anxious to strike at Germany by occupying Siberia, according to advices reaching Washington. This information, coupled with Russian publication of an alleged Russo-Japan agreement to pounce on any nation attempting supremacy in China, created a profound impression in official and diplomatic quarters. Allied diplomats were said to favor the Siberian move in view of the possibility of Teuton domination of all the Russias, even the east. They point out that the American consul at Vladivostok has said there is need for troops at that port.

Confirmation of the Russo-Jap pact was not immediately obtainable. However, it was stated that in so far as China is now concerned the Japs are discouraging large military preparations in that nation and that official feelers have been put forward with a view to American-Japanese cooperation in China's military, economic and financial problems. President Wilson, it was suggested, will be the determining factor in the decision as to whether or not Japanese troops shall invest Valdivostok, provided that is the actual wish of Japan as reported.

Must Rule Every Nation.

Geneva, Dec. 22.—Pan-Germans have thrown off their masks and are boldly admitting that Germany has plotted to rule the entire world and is fighting with that object in view.

A dispatch from Berlin quoted the Deutsche Tages Zeitung as saying: "We are not making all this sacrifice of blood to obtain a transitory peace. What we desire is peace of long duration. We declare with Hindenburg that this happy peace with complete victory is possible. Let us be like strong men who know what they want. Let us resume the traditions of the 'epoch of iron,' when Bismarck dictated his laws to the universe. This road and no other will lead Germany toward happiness and peace. It's the judgment of God, the voice of destiny, that calls Germany to rule, but also beneficently over all the nations of the universe."

Calmly walking along the street in New York, holding a little boy by the hand, an unidentified man yesterday shot and killed Joseph Nasselli, a wine merchant. The slayer walked on after the shooting and escaped.

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To make this order effective, and to relieve the dealer of the responsibility and difficulty of ascertaining the supply any consumer has on hand, it is arranged that an affidavit be furnished by the purchasers of coal in excess of one-half ton (this affidavit can be made by any member of the family over sixteen years of age.) These forms for making the affidavits will be in the hands of the dealers, and notaries and the affidavits will be taken without charge, by any one of the following notaries public, who have offered their services to aid the Commission in this work: Miss Gladys M. Brooks, room 1, Alexandria National bank building; W. C. Drury, 107 south Royal street; J. T. Burke, Burke and Herbert; Miss Cora Dulley, Office Clerk of Court; Courtland H. Davis, 121 south Royal street; Claude H. Crump, 1801 King street; M. L. Dawiddie, Citizens National Bank; J. J. Green, First National Bank; E. J. Fleming, 112 south Fairfax street; A. C. Moss, Alexandria National Bank.

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NEWS OF THE OLD DOMINION

AID OF CHURCHES ASKED.

Administrator Byrd Suggests to Ministers That Union Services Be Held.

Richmond, Dec. 22.—The coal situation has become so acute that every means for saving the much-needed fuel is being brought into use so that the State will not altogether be without coal. All the agencies and organizations in Virginia are cooperating with the State fuel administrator for the purpose of conserving coal. The latest plan suggested for further fuel conservation is that the churches conduct their evening services together.

Rev. George Kemper, president of the Richmond Ministerial Union, stated yesterday that "If the State fuel administrator so desires, and will so request, I will call a meeting of the Richmond Ministerial Union for Monday and take up the matter of having union night services in order to conserve the fuel supply."
OLD DO.

ENVELOPED IN FLAMES.

Horrible Death of Aged Woman at Her Flat in South Richmond.

Richmond, Dec. 22.—Horribly burned, when flaming oil from an overturned oil stove ignited her clothing, Mrs. Emma Luppa, of 2505 Decatur Street, was found dead in the hallway of the lower flat where she lived shortly after noon Thursday. Mrs. Luppa, who was seventy-nine years of age, was apparently attempting to fill the oil stove when it upset. Two other persons—S. E. Cumber and Gwenie Womac—were on the second floor of the house at the time the accident occurred, but knew nothing of the misfortune until they heard groans in the hallway. When her clothing caught, the aged woman ran into the hall and fell to the floor, overcome.

Mrs. Luppa was burned over the entire body, and every particle of clothing destroyed. She died before medical attention could be given.

RAILROAD TO QUIT.

Richmond and Chesapeake Bay Line Asks to be Dissolved.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 22.—Another Virginia railway, the Richmond and Chesapeake Bay line, in which Frank Jay Gould, of New York, is reported to have been a principal stockholder, is to discontinue operations, a petition asking for its dissolution having been filled with the State corporation commission yesterday. The Tidewater and Western Railroad, which extended from Chester to Farmville, was only recently dissolved. The Gould interests control electric railway properties in Richmond, Petersburg and Norfolk.

The Richmond and Chesapeake Bay Railway, which extends from here to Ashland, when built was believed to be a link in a chain of electric lines which would soon extend from Richmond to Washington.

LIQUOR FOR MOTHER.

Henrico Man Returning Home From North Pleads Ignorance of Law.

Richmond, Dec. 22.—Charged with violating the state prohibition law by bringing more than one quart of whisky into Virginia, John Hall, forty-two years old, was in police court, Thursday, the case going over until December 28. He was caught at Elba railway station last night with two quarts of whisky and one quart of wine. He said that he had been living in Philadelphia for five years and, while aware of the fact that Virginia had gone dry he thought it was permissible to bring in as much whisky as one pleased.

He said that he was bringing the two quarts to his mother, who has been ill abed at her home in Henrico county for several weeks.

NO WATER FOR STREETS.

Danville Thoroughfares Must Go Dirty Because Coal Shortage Makes Water Expensive.

Danville, Va., Dec. 22.—Danville will go dirty this Christmas as the result of an economic measure. The city engineer has forbidden the street sweeping force to use fire hose in flushing the streets to remove the mud and accumulation of dirt following the snowfall.

Half a day's use of the fire hose on the streets would mean the escape of thousands of gallons of water from the reservoir. More water would have to be pumped to the city basin, and this would mean increased coal consumption.

Christmas shoppers are hoping it will rain soon.

DESERTER TO BE SHOT.

Condemned Man Was Recently Arrested in Bristol.

Bristol, Va., Dec. 22.—Louis DeWitt who was arrested in this city several weeks ago as a deserter from Company F, has been court-martialed and will be shot this week. Hugh Dishman, another alleged deserter, arrested by Tennessee officers with DeWitt, was sentenced to ten years confinement. Both men came here from Camp Sevier, S. C., where their company is stationed.

DeWitt and Dishman enlisted here last summer in Company F, immediately after the unit was organized. DeWitt claimed to be from South Africa and said he participated in the Boer war. He was arrested in Bristol, Va., for carrying concealed weapons and was placed under police surveillance for some time after. This was before his enlistment.

Several weeks ago DeWitt and Dishman returned to Bristol. Neither could show their furlough papers or orders for transportation and consequently were arrested. When arrested DeWitt cursed the United States and said he never intended to fight for this country when he enlisted. He was in the uniform of a United States soldier at the time. He told the officers that he would return to kill them at some time and that he had previously killed a chief of police in another city. The night after their arrest DeWitt and Dishman attempted to break jail by sawing through the bars and a stiff fight ensued when the officers entered the jail to relieve them of their saws.

EVERY TRAIN SEARCHED.

Numerous Arrests in Richmond for Transporting Liquor.

Richmond, Dec. 22.—The Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac is becoming a "hard road to travel"—for the bootlegger. The federal government, the department of prohibition of Virginia, and vigilant local officials all along the line propose to make that popular artery of travel even more difficult for the gentry which has for months used it as the principal channel by which to bring intoxicating liquors into this commonwealth contrary to law.

Commissioner of Prohibition J. Sidney Peters yesterday announced that every train on that line will be searched and every important station manned to the end that this railroad shall not be used by dealers in contraband liquor to debauch the state and nullify its prohibition law.

The 2:50 train from Washington Thursday afternoon yielded a rich harvest for the officers, one white man and five negroes being gathered into the toils with large consignments of bottled Christmas cheer in their baggage and concealed about their persons.

BRIDE DIES BY POISON.

Husband Also Tries to End His Life by Taking Drug.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 22.—Detective Sergeant John F. Wiley went to Wilson, N. C., last night, where he will investigate the circumstances surrounding the taking of a dose of aconite by Dr. Samuel J. Johnson, whose 19-year-old wife was poisoned here Saturday night, when she took a capsule which she stated to friends was quinine.

From Wilson Detective Wiley will proceed to Middlesex, the home of the young dentist, where it is said Dr. Johnson had not announced his marriage to Miss Knight, which took place here three months ago, and that he was engaged to a young woman there.

Dr. Johnson is in a Wilson hospital, but probably will recover.

BANK ROBBERIES.

Bold Thieves Secure Thousands of Dollars in Three States.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 22.—Bandits held up and robbed the East 79th street branch of the Garfield Savings Bank yesterday afternoon and escaped with $15,400 in money. The robbers, numbering eight or ten, walked into the bank and covered the seven men and three women clerks with revolvers, scooped up all the money in sight and after firing several shots in the air, presumably to frighten off pursuers, escaped in an automobile. The driver of the bandit automobile was captured by the police an hour after the robbery.

Minneapolis, Dec. 22.—Three masked bandits yesterday entered the People's State bank in the downtown district, locked President J. P. Ernster and two employes in a vault, seized $5,500 in cash, stepped out to the curb where two unsuspecting policemen stood chatting, and escaped in an automobile.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Three men said to be notorious former convicts —were arrested here early today, and although the police maintain great secrecy, they are said to be held in connection with the robbery of the Summit, Ill., State bank, where close to $41,000 was stolen. No intimation as to who they are, or when or where they were arrested, would be given out.

Marquette, Mich., Dec. 22.—George Argal, rural mail carrier, last night identified Henry Holstein, an employe of the Boston American mine at Diorite, as the man who held him up and shot him yesterday when he refused to turn over a small pouch containing $5,000, the mine's pay roll. Holstein was arrested in the woods with $800, and the rest of the money was found hidden near the scene of the holdup.

Short on Ability.

A certain negro lad had been brought into a Virginia police court for the fifth time charged with stealing chickens. The magistrate determined to appeal to the boy's father.

"See here," said his honor, "this boy of yours has been in this court so many times charged with chicken stealing that I'm quite tired of seeing him here."

"I don't blame you, jedge," said the parent, "an I's tired of seein' him here as you is."

"Then why don't you teach him how to act? Show him the right way and he won't be coming here."

"I has showed him de right way," said the father, "but he jest don't seem to have no talent for learning how, jedge, and he always gets caught."

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NEWS OF THE DAY

Senator Martin, chairman of the Senate appropriations committee, clings to the idea that the program of public buildings presented to Congress by the building commission will ultimately be adopted, not at this session perhaps, but at the next.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Sharp, 75 years old, was knocked down and instantly killed last night by an automobile driven by Frederick J Douglas, negro, on P street, near Iowa Circle, Washington. The accident is said to have been unavoidable.

Charged with assaulting Billy Sunday at the evangelist's meeting in Atlanta Thursday night, W. H. Beuterbaugh, said to be a German, was fined $100 and sentenced to jail for 30 days yesterday. Later he was indicted on three counts by the Fulton grand jury in connection with the assault. Bail of $1,000 was fixed in each of the counts, which charge assault on Sunday, assault on one of the evangelist's workers, and disturbing public worship. According to witnesses of the affair, Beuterbaugh attacked Sunday after the evangelist had delivered a bitter arraignment of Turkish atrocities in Palestine.

What was said to be the largest counterfeiting plant ever unearthed in New York was raided last night by United States secret service agents, who arrested six men and seized more than $15,000 in spurious new $10 notes of the Federal reserve bank issue. The plant, located in lower New York, had been working night and day for the last week.

Three members of the Royal Flying Corps, training at Fort Worth, Tex. were killed yesterday morning when two machines collided in the air.

Marshall R. S. St. Clair, of Malden, Mo., is dead and his slayer, L. H. Wissman, of Havana, Ill., is said to be dying as the result of a demonstration which followed alleged disloyal remarks by Wissman yesterday. According to several witnesses Wissman, when appealed to by Red Cross workers, made remarks derogatory to the government. The city marshal went out to arrest the man, overtaking him at the outskirts of the town. Wissman resisted arrest, and in the scuffle that followed fatally shot St. Clair. Wissman then fled into New Madrid county. Posses were formed and Wissman was captured and returned to Malden.

Argentina is seething with demands for war on Germany, according to official dispatches received in Washington telling of the reception attending the publication of the latest batch of Luxburg telegrams. Action by the Argentine Congress on recommendation of President Irigoyen is expected at any time. The Congress is in session, and the government, hitherto hesitating, is described as prepared for a definite break. The Socialist and Radical parties, the dispatches state, have already declared for a break. The Conservatives, the party of the administration, is reported to have been in large measure won over to a break, even before the Luxburg messages were made public.

Continuing their irresistable counter attacks between the Piave and the Brent, the Italians have retaken from the enemy a considerable portion of the ground lost on Tuesday in the region of Montea, Salone, Rome announced last night. In spite of a terrific fire from the Austro-German artillery, General Diaz's troops held these positions throughout yesterday, thus minimizing the danger to which their lines had been exposed by the enemy's recent advances.

One hundred American soldiers have been court-martialed at Camp Merritt, Tenafly, N. J., in the past two months for pro-German utterances and activities, and of that number one-third have been sentenced to terms of varied lengths in the Federal penitentiary. The others, whose guilt, though established, seemed to be the result of nothing more sinister than a lack of good sense, have been dishonorably discharged from the United States military service.

New York butchers yesterday began to awaken to the fact that the threatened introduction of horse meat at low prices had not only become a reality but is promising to get an overwhelming welcome in the poorer quarters of the city. Already the beef butchers in localities where the horse meat shops have been established are beginning to feel a falling off in trade, and in one section are charged with showing their resentment by violence.

CONSTIPATION

And Sour Stomach Caused This Lady Much Suffering. Black-Draught Relieved.

Meadorsville, Ky.—Mrs. Pearl Patrick, of this place, writes: "I was very constipated. I had sour stomach and was so uncomfortable. I went to the doctor. He gave me some pills. They weakened me and seemed to tear up my digestion. They would gripe me and afterwards it seemed I was more constipated than before.

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At a Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, continued and held at the Courthouse of said City on Wednesday, December 19th, 1917.

Present, Hon. Louis C. Barley, Judge.

John L. Schneider, Complainant, vs. Eva May Fox Schneider, Defendant. In Chancery.

An affidavit having been duly made, as required by law, that the defendant is a non-resident of the State of Virginia, and that she cannot be found within the jurisdiction of this State, and the Sergeant having made a return upon the original process or summons issued herein that the Defendant is a non-resident of his bailiwick, and application having been duly made in writing to the Clerk of this Court for an order of publication against the said defendant to appear and answer a bill in chancery filed by the Complainant against the Defendant for a divorce a mensa et thoro on the ground of wilful and voluntary desertion and abandonment and that at the expiration of the statutory period said divorce be made absolute, and an order of publication hereof to answer the suit of complainant against the defendant for a divorce a mensa et thoro on the ground of wilful and voluntary desertion and abondonment, and that at the expiration of the statutory period said divorce be made absolute. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in Alexandria, Virginia, and that a copy of this order be sent by registered mail by the Clerk of this Court to the last known place of address, residence and abode of defendant, to-wit: No. 504 South Fourth street, Columbus, Ohio, as stated in the application for this order of publication which shall be certified by the Clerk of this Court, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the Courthouse of this Court, on or before the next rule day of this Court.

William P. Woolls, P. Q. (
A Copy, Teste:
NEVELL S. GREENAWAY, Clerk.
305-4w.

At a Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, continued and held at the Courthouse of said City on Wednesday, December 19, 1917.

Present, Hon. Louis C. Barley, Judge.

Lillian H. Armstrong, vs. James R. Armstrong, In Chancery.

An affidavit having been duly made, as required by law, that the Defendant is a non-resident of the State of Virginia, and that he cannot be found within the jurisdiction of this State, and the sergeant having made a return upon the original process or summons issued herein that the Defendant is a non-resident of his bailiwick, and application having been duly made in writing to this Court for an order of publication, against the said Defendant to appear and answer a bill in Chancery filed by the Complainant against the Defendant for an absolute divorce on the ground of wilful and voluntary desertion and abandonment for more than three years prior to the institution of this suit, and an order of publication having been duly granted by the Court, it is therefore ordered that said Defendant do appear here within 15 days after due publication hereof to answer the suit of Complainant against the Defendant for an absolute divorce on the grounds of wilful and voluntary desertion and abandonment for more than three years prior to the institution of this suit.

And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in Alexandria, Virginia, and that a copy of this order be sent by registered mail by the Clerk of this Court to the last known place of address, residence and abode of Defendant, to-wit: No. 60 M. Street, N. W., Washington, D C., as stated in the application for this order of publication which shall be certified by the Clerk of this Court, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the courthouse of this Court on or before the next rule day of this Court.

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SPECIAL NOTICES

To the Stockholders of the Rosney Iron and Lumber Company, Limited:

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Rosney Iron and Lumber Company, Limited will be held in the law office of J. K. M. Norton, esq., at No. 128 south Fairfax street, in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, on the 14th day of January, 1918, between the hours of one and two o'clock p. m., for the election of two directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. Witness my hand at Westminster, Md., this 13th day of December, 1917.

Ralph S. Reifsnider, Secretary.
298-12t.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the directors of the Alexandria Iron Works will be held at the office, corner Royal and Wilkes street, Alexandria, Va., on Monday, December 31, at 9 a. m. By order of President.

A. S. Mankin, Secretary.
302-10t.

Notice.

The Alexandria Medical Society announces that on and after Jan. 1, 1918, the following fees will be the minimum charges made by its members:

Office visits $1.00 to $10.00; house visits $2.00; night visits $5.00; Consultations $5.00; obstetrics $25.00, extra for each mile beyond city limits $1.00. 297-10t

Notice.

Having qualified as executrix of the estate Mrs. Louisa M. Pullin, I desire to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present same for settlement. All owing said estate are requested to make prompt settlement.

Miss Ola Pullin, Executrix.
297-10t.

Stockholders Meeting of the American Rutile Company of Virginia.

The annual Meeting of the stockholders of the American Rutile Co., will be held at the office of the company, No. 111 south Fairfax street, Alexandria ,Virginia, on Monday, the 7th, of January, 1918, from 12 o'clock noon to 1 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors, and for the transaction of such other business as can be lawfully considered. The transfer books will be closed for 10 days prior to the 7th day of January.

W. M. Slater, President.
Albert Harper, Sec. and Treas
296-12t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stock holders of the Iowa Apartment House Company for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of other business will be held at the office of the company No. 107 north Fairfax street, in the City of Alexandria State of Virginia, on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Charles D. Walcott, President.
A M. McLachlen, Secretary.
295-12t

Notice Annual Meeting.

The Annual meeting of the stock holders of the Ontario Apartment House Company for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of other business of the Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 107 north Fairfax street, in the City of Alexandria, State of Virginia on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918 at 10:30 o'clock a. m.

Charles D Walcott, President.
A. M. McLachlen, Secretary.
295-12t,

Notice Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stock holders of the McLachlen Banking Corporation for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of other business will be held at the office of the Company No. 107 North Fairfax street, in the city of Alexandria, State of Virginia, on Tuesday January 8th, 1918, at 11 o'clock a. m.

A. M. McLachlen, President.
John A. Massie, Treasurer.
295-12t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The Alexandria National Bank.
Alexandria, Va., Dec. 8, 1917.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of this bank, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it, will be held at the Banking House of said Bank, on Tuesday, January 8, 1918, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The polls will be open from 12 M to 1 p. m.

J. L. PERRY, Cashier.
295-25t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The Citizens National Bank,
Alexandria, Va.,
Dec. 8th, 1917

The annual meeting of the shareholders of this bank, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it, will be held at the Banking House, on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918, at 12 o'clock noon.

The polls will be open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.

Richard M. Green, Cashier.
294-25t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

December 8, 1917.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Alexandria, Va., will be held at the Banking House on Tuesday, January 8, 1918, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the election of directors and transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

GEO. E. WARFIELD, Cashier.
295-25t.

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